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**REMARKS**

Claims 1 and 5-7 stand rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as anticipated by Coutts. Claims 2-4 and 8 stand rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Coutts in view of \ Zhu.

Applicant has amended claims 1, 5, 7, and 8 to further distinguish over the cited references.

For example, in claim 1, the references fail to teach or suggest a computer peripheral including:

a housing for containing two normally separately housed peripherals for saving space at a checkout station including a receipt printer and a bar code reader; and

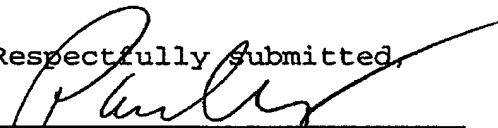
control circuitry in the housing for facilitating communication of receipt data between the printer and a separately housed controlling transaction computer at the checkout station and bar code data between the bar code reader and the separately housed controlling transaction computer over a single cable during a sale of products completed by the transaction computer.

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Applicant has noted the prior art of record but not  
relied upon.

Applicant respectfully requests that the pending claims  
be allowed.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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